



**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

25 years (14 years with AAA)

**EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS**

**Yale University**

Master of Architecture

**Licensed Architect**

Washington State  
NCARB Certified

**American Institute of Architects**

Member

**AFFILIATIONS**

**State of WA PRC Committee**

WMBE Representative

**NAMC-WA**

Current Member  
Former Vice-President (7 years)

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Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB)  
Washington State Department of Enterprise Services  
Attention: Talia Baker, CPARB Program Specialist/Administrative Staff

RE: **CPARB Project Review Committee (PRC) Reapplication  
- WMBE Representative**

Dear CPARB Members,

This is my letter of interest to serve on the PRC’s open Minority/Women Owned Businesses (WMBE) seat after my current term expires in June 2023. I have had the privilege of serving our state on this committee dating back to November 2014. I am knowledgeable in the use of alternative public works contracting procedures and have projects’ experience in Progressive Design-Build and GC/CM projects. Also, in 2013, I completed a GC/CM workshop with the AGC Education Foundation.

Here are some Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) strong suits of mine that make me uniquely qualify to serve as a WMBE representative:

1. I have strived to maintain a consistent good PRC attendance record all nine (9) years of serving on the PRC committee.
2. My WMBE outreach is thorough: in addition to owning a WMBE firm, I was the Vice-President of the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC-WA) from 2011-2018, I am a current member of another WMBE organization - Tabor 100, and also served as a WMBE volunteer to the City of Seattle through end of 2022.
3. Most importantly, as a current WMBE stakeholder on the PRC, I have strived to encourage a supportive and inclusive culture to most agencies/ applicants seeking the PRC’s authorization to use an alternative projects delivery method.

With your help, I am looking forward to continuing promoting fair treatment and full participation (DEI) of all people in our state’s activities and projects. I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter of interest and thank you, upfront, for your consideration.

Regards,

Ato I. Apiafi, AIA  
Managing Principal